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AND OBJECTIVES; REQUEST FOR MULTILATERAL INFORMATION
ON HOST GOVERNMENTS

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1. FOLLOWING COMMENTS ARE KEYED TO QUESTIONS POSED IN REFTEL
PARA 7.

2. (A) PRIMARY MULTILATERAL INTERESTS AND OBJECTIVES IN 1976.

(1) LAW OF THE SEA: THE IMPORTANCE GOA ATTACHES
TO THIS SUBJECT IS EVIDENCED BY FONMIN PEA-
COCK'S PLANNED ATTENDANCE AT THE MARCH LOS
MEETINGS IN NEW YORK. GOA VIEWS ON SUBJECT
ARE WELL KNOWN TO US SPECIALISTS.

(2) PORTUGUESE TIMOR: GOA HAS SUPPORTED UN INITIATIVES
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TIATIVES TO BRING AN END TO THE CONFLICT IN

TIMOR. GOA PUSHING FOR RAPID SETTLEMENT TO AVOID FURTHER DETERIORATION IN ITS RELATIONS WITH INDONESIA CAUSED BY TIMOR PROBLEM.

(3) COMMITTEE OF 24: GOA IS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF COMMITTEE OF 24. GOA IS SOMEWHAT CONCERNED THAT ITS ADMINISTRATION OF COCOS ISLANDS MAY BE RAISED IN COMMITTEE. GOA HAS HELPED US ON PUERTO RICAN QUESTION IN PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETINGS. GOA WAS DISAPPOINTED BY AND OPPOSED US EFFORTS TO DEFEAT BROAD DECOLONIZATION RESOLUTIONS AT LAST UNGA.

(4) ILO: GOA IS CONCERNED OVER POSSIBLE US WITHDRAWAL FROM ORGANIZATION AND WILL SUPPORT US EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT NECESSARY REFORMS (SEE CANBERRA 1610).

3. GOA IS A MEMBER OF NUMEROUS INTERNATIONAL GROUPS AND GENERALLY PLAYS AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THEM. IN 1976, GOA WILL CONTINUE TO DEVOTE MUCH ATTENTION TO INTERNATIONAL MARKETING AGREEMENTS AND TO MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.

4. GOA HAS NAMED DR. DONALD MCMICHAEL AS A CANDIDATE FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UNEP (SEE CANBERRA 0732).

5. (B) EXTENT OF THIRD COUNTRY INFLUENCE ON GOA MULTILATERAL POLICY MAKING.

THE US ALLIANCE IS PRIMARY AND ESSENTIAL TO THE GOA. AUSTRALIA WILL SUPPORT RESPONSIBLE US INITIATIVES TO A MAXIMUM EXTENT IN ALL INTERNATIONAL FORA WHERE US INITIATIVES ARE NOT COUNTER TO GOA OBJECTIVES -- E.G. IN THE TRADE AREA. THE NEW GOVERNMENT IS ALSO MOST INTERESTED IN EXPANDING AUSTRALIAN TIES WITH THE THIRD WORLD, ESPECIALLY ASEAN COUNTRIES AND OTHER NATIONS IN THE PACIFIC AREA.

6. GOA DOES TRY TO INFLUENCE OTHER COUNTRIES ON ESSENTIAL ISSUES ENUMERATED IN (A). GOA BELIEVES IT CAN PLAY A KEY ROLE IN WORKING WITH COUNTRIES IN THE PACIFIC AREA (SEE CANBERRA 1583).

(C) GOA CONTROL OVER ITS REPRESENTATIVES.

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THE GOA FULLY INSTRUCTS ITS DELEGATES TO MAJOR INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS AND RETAINS EFFECTIVE CONTROL OVER THEM WHILE THE MEETINGS ARE IN PROGRESS. DELEGATES' REPORTING IS GENERALLY FULL, TIMELY, WIDE-RANGING AND ACCURATE.

(D) INDEPENDENCE OF DELEGATIONS.

AUSTRALIAN DELEGATIONS HAVE NO RPT NO ACTUAL OR POTENTIAL INDEPENDENT POLITICAL POWER WHICH

WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR THE GOA TO CONTROL
THEM.

(E) RECEPTIVITY TO U.S. REPRESENTATIONS.

AS NOTED ABOVE, WE CAN GENERALLY EXPECT GOA SUPPORT ON ISSUES WHICH DO NOT CONFLICT WITH THE GOA'S PRIMARY INTERESTS. THE GOA HAS NO DIFFICULTY UNDERSTANDING CONCEPT THAT US-GOA INTERACTION ON THESE MULTILATERAL ISSUES IS A PART OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. WE MAINTAIN A CLOSE AND CONTINUING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GOA BOTH HERE AND IN INTERNATIONAL CAPITALS TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. THE AUSTRALIANS OF COURSE EXPECT AND ASK FOR RECIPROCAL SUPPORT FROM THE US ON MATTERS OF PRIME INTEREST TO THEM.

8. POLITICAL COUNSELOR WILLIAM D. BOGGS IS MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS OFFICER.

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